

Creeping Juniper *Juniperus horizontalis*

Habitat Preference: Dry, calcareous prairie bluffs and hills

Reproduction: Female cones are pollinated in May and June

Cones: Two to six seeds are found in blue, berry-like cones

Threats:

- Over-grazing
- Over use of fire as a management tool

Habitat Improvement Guidelines:

- Hand cutting of trees and shrubs should be the first choice for woody plant control. Fire should be used very carefully and infrequently. Divide the area into multiple burn units that are burned on a rotational basis in varying seasons. Creeping juniper does not respond well to fire— try to protect individual plants.
- Under minimal grazing creeping juniper numbers will increase. In an overstocked area the plant will be consumed and trampled.

